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SUBJECT : PRESIDENT SADAT VISITS UAE

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1. AS REPORTS INDICATE WAS CASE IN OTHER STOPS ON GULF TOUR, EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT'S 24-HOUR VISIT TO UAE WAS BIG EVENT. FULL LINE UP OF RULERS ON HAND AT AIRPORT, STATE DINNER ET AL LAID ON FOR HIS BENEFIT.

2. AS FOR

SUBSTANCE, KEY POINT OBVIOUSLY REFLECTED IN BANNER LOCAL HEADLINES "UAE GIVES EGYPT \$150 MILLION" AS "DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL AID." SINCE THIS FIGURE PRESUMABLY ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TOP OF AID ALREADY PROGRAMED FOR EGYPT THIS YEAR, WE WOULD ASSUME GOE WOULD FEEL IT DID RELATIVELY WELL HERE

(CONTRARY TO ITS VIEW RE SAG CONTRIBUTION--REF A).

3. COMMUNIQUE APPEARS HAVE PARALLELED THAT IN SAUDI ARABIA, WITH CALL FOR TOTAL WITHDRAWAL, RESTORATION OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS INCLUDING SELF-DETERMINATION AND HOME LANDS, AND RE-AFFIRMATION OF PLO AS LEGITIMATE REP OF PALESTINIANS IN "ALL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES." CONTRARY TO CASE IN BAHRAIN (REF B), HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO CALL IN COMMUNIQUE FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE OR OTHER SUGGESTION AS TO NEXT STEP. UAEG ECHOED SAUDIS URGING THAT OTHER ARAB STATES AID EGYPT.

4. SADAT IN PRESS CONFERENCE STATED HE WOULD NOT PERMIT RETURN OF INTERNAL DISUNITY IN EGYPT WHICH PREVAILED BEFORE OCTOBER WAR. HE SAID WAR HAD GIVEN EGYPT BOTH SELF-CONFIDENCE AND WORLD RESPECT, THE LATTER REFLECTED FOR EXAMPLE IN HIS RECEPTION DURING U.S. VISIT. HE CITED TWO OBJECTIVES FOR TRIP: (A) TO REAFFIRM ARAB STAND ESTABLISHED IN POST-OCTOBER WAR PERIOD AND (B) TO DESCRIBE EGYPT'S ECONOMIC PLIGHT. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PAST UAE HELP. ASKED WHETHER HE ANTICIPATED SYRIAN-ISRAELI CONFLICT, SADAT SAID HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR SYRIA. AS FOR EGYPT'S POSITION, HE SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR AND NOTED THERE WAS "SECRET ACCORD" IN WHICH U.S. GUARANTEED ISRAEL WOULD NOT ATTACK SYRIA. SADAT SAID THERE WAS NO ROLE NOW FOR STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH AND GENEVA CONFERENCE MUST BE RECONVENED WITH PALESTINIANS AS PARTICIPANTS. HE REGRETTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN SOVIET POSITION EITHER RE QUESTION OF ARMAMENTS FOR EGYPT OR RESCHEDULING OF DEBT. HE CONCLUDED BY DENYING THERE WAS PROBLEM BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRESIDENT ASAD OF SYRIA, NOTING THAT EGYPT DID NOT WISH GET IN BUSINESS OF INSULTS WITH ACCUSATIONS.
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